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## Black Men, Prove the "Birth of a Nation" a Lie by Upright Living

### Fifty Years of Masonry

By Joe E. Herriford, P. M.

#### CHAPTER VI.

When the committee on credentials reported at the Thirtieth Annual Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge, Macon, August 9, 1879, it was evident that the proxy gathering had not been overlooked during the few weeks previous. Past Grand Master Clark had his pockets quite full of these useful commodities and before the meeting was over he used them for a noble and glorious purpose, even if without the intended success.

Contrary to what one might expect from one so capable and scholarly as the new Grand Master, Willis N. Brent, the Grand Lodge was allowed to dillydally along for nearly all the first day without getting down to any formal business. Contrary to all regularity the first active business after the routine of opening was the con-

gone by and which to this day is ir- resistible. His friendship for Moses Dickson, who was at that time father- ing a new secret cult, was the one barrier between himself and higher Masonic honors and higher conscious- ness of this he remained loyal to his friend until the death of the latter, before which time he had outlived the handi- cap and had been elected Grand Mas- ter of Masons.

Enough time of the third day was spared from the elections to permit the committee on Grand Master's Ad- dress to report. M. O. Ricketts wrote the report and set a model for future use.

An attempt was made to locate the meetings of the Grand Lodge perma- nently at some central place, but for- tunately it was not successful.

An amendment to the constitution was offered by Brother G. W. Guy abolishing the proxy vote of past masters. It afterwards became a law and was the beginning of the end of the entire ob- noxious system.

The next meeting was awarded to Hannibal.

### VERNON-LANDOR.

#### Sister of Dr. W. T. Vernon Becomes Bride of Mr. Edward F. Landor.

Quindaro, Oct. 1.—There is beauty in simplicity and truly was it found in the marriage of Miss Essie Jean Vernon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Vernon and sister of Dr. W. T. Vernon, ex-registrar of the U. S. treas- ury, to Mr. Edward F. Landor of this city, which was solemnized at the home of the bride's family in Quin- daro, on Friday, October 1, at 8:30 p. m.

The marriage ceremony was read by Dr. W. T. Vernon, assisted by Rev. T. F. Jones, pastor of Allen Chapel, Quindaro, Kansas, the ring ceremony being used.

The house and porches were beau- tifully decorated, a profusion of flow- ers being used to carry out the color scheme of yellow and white.

Promptly at 8:30, to the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march, played by Prof. R. G. Jackson, the party, led by Dr. Vernon, came down the steps following the white canvas which marked the aisle leading to the parlor where the ceremony was performed.

Miss Effie E. Grant, teacher of voice at the University, sang with much feeling, "Oh Promise Me."

The bride's dress was of the latest design, being a creation of white crepe with a yoke of lace over chiffon, beautifully set with rosebud trimmings. She carried a bouquet of bride's roses.

The matron of honor, Mrs. Minnie Lewis Robinson, a classmate of the bride, was beautifully gowned in a creation of pink chiffon and shadow lace, carrying an arm bouquet of pink roses.

The aged father and mother of the bride viewed the ceremony from a large settee just opposite the bridal party. The house was filled with friends and admirers of the happy pair, who thronged about them show- ing them with congratulations and good wishes.

A reception followed where the guests were served with choice dainties. The wives of the teachers and the senior class assisted in the serv- ing. The bridal cake, which was heart shape decorated with yellow roses corresponding with the color scheme, was given by the matron of honor. A number of guests from the Twin Cities were present.

The following presents were re- ceived: Coffee percolator, Miss Mat- tie Mae Lawrence; chest of Colonial silver of twenty pieces, faculty and officials of Western University; May- onnaise set with cut glass knife rest, freshman class of Western Univer- sity; bath towels, young ladies of sen- ior Sunday school class; silver tes- spoons, Mrs. Felix Landor Washing- ton and Mrs. Rosa Landor Green of Los Angeles, Calif.; bed set with croch- eted insertion, Mrs. Katherine Bish- op; bath towels, Mrs. M. A. Lewis; hand painted plates, Dr. and Mrs. S. M. Banks, and Mrs. Seales; hand painted salt and pepper shaker, Miss K. T. Davis; hand painted salt and pepper shaker, toothpick holder and tray, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wood and Rev. and Mrs. Mosby, Kansas City, Mo.; night dress, Mrs. T. Rummans.

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#### VINE STREET BAPTIST CHURCH.

All the services were well attended last Sunday. The Women's Mission Circle meets every Tuesday night. All are invited to attend. The B. Y. P. U. will give an ice cream social Sat- urday, October 23, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Finney, 1815 Vine street. All are invited to attend. The annual sermon of the singers of Zion was preached Monday night, October 18, by our pastor, Dr. T. H. Ewing. The singers entertained the attendance with some very fine selec- tions, which were enjoyed by all. The singers were under the direction of Mr. A. T. Moore, who spared no pains to make everything a success.



PROF. AND MRS. WHITE.

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### Women's Clubs.

Tango Club—Friday night, Novem- ber 5, Armory Hall, Cottage and Vine.

The Athenaeum Art club will give a Halloween dance at Ar- mory hall, Cottage and Vine, Oc- tober 29. Admission 25 cents.

#### THE PORTIA GAYS.

The Portia Gays thank the public for their patronage at their benefit entertainment October 1. The net pro- ceeds were \$38—which will be divided between the Orphan's Home, Kansas City, Mo., and the Y. W. C. A., Kansas City, Mo.

RUBY L. LOCKE, President.  
CLARA CARTER, Secretary.

The Lyceum Art club met Friday evening, October 15, at the residence of Miss Ada Ashby, 1916 East 13th street. The ladies worked steadily for two hours after which business was transacted and the ladies were served with a dainty repast by the hostess. We then adjourned to meet with Mrs. Laura Fields, 2313 High- land avenue, Friday, October 22.—Mrs. Richard Allen, president; Mabel Smith, secretary.



REV. W. H. PECK, D. D.  
Who leaves the presiding eldership of the Southwest Missouri Conference to accept the pastorate of St. James Church, St. Louis, Mo., much to the regret of his many friends in this conference.

## ESTHER THE BEAUTIFUL QUEEN

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Ahasuerus.....Mr. A. W. Fox  
Haman.....Dr. T. A. Fletcher  
Zeresh.....Mrs. Felix Payne  
Mordecai.....Mr. E. R. Robinson  
Mordecai's Sister.....Mrs. Eva Smith  
The Prophetess.....Mrs. S. Andrews  
High Priest.....Dr. C. A. Murry Kane  
Haggai.....Dr. A. Franklin Radford  
The Beggar.....David A. Jackson  
Harbonah.....Mr. G. Walker  
The Herald.....Mr. W. Lee Whithy  
Persian Princess.....Mrs. Mary Pell  
The Scribe.....Mr. Arthur Dunham  
Median Princess.....Mrs. Gertrude Bledsoe

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At EBENEZER A.M.E. CHURCH  
16th and Lydia, Wednesday, Oct. 27  
8:30 O'CLOCK P. M.

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#### MISSOURI CONFERENCE APPOINT- MENTS.

Rev. P. Thurman, presiding elder, St. Louis District; St. Paul, W. S. Brooks; St. James, Wm. H. Peck; St. Peter's, to be supplied; Wellston, E. L. Clark; Grant Mission, W. H. Burnett; Pacific, E. S. M. Densmore; Washing- ton, J. A. Chandler; Chamois, J. F. Greenlee; Herculaneum, J. W. Gram- ham; Jefferson City, J. C. Bell; Grace Mission, J. Christopher; Osage City, R. T. Riley; St. Lukes, A. B. Green. Rev. J. D. Barksdale, Presiding El- der Cape Girardeau District—Belmont, R. Clinton; Caruthersville, J. W. Car- ter; Charleston, J. R. Hopkins; Popu- lar, Bluffa, R. L. Phillips; Commerce, S. L. Leana; Cape Girardeau, M. S. Smith; Jackson, S. S. Pitcher; Allen- ville, H. L. Higginbotham; Frederic- town, Tony Perry; Farmington, W. H. Spurlock; Boone Terre, A. J. Sanders; Festus, E. E. Treadwell; De Soto, E. O. May; Quinn Chapel, T. L. Watson; Wayman, to be supplied.

#### Evangelists.

B. W. Steward, Mariah Gaines, J. M. Townsend, P. W. Chester, D. W. Oaks, J. W. Edwards, Lucy Harvey.

#### Transfers.

Rev. Nelson Pryor to California Conference, Rev. J. F. Sage, South Missouri Conference; Ward Chapel, A. Gilbert, Southwest Missouri Con-

ference, presiding elder Kansas City District; W. B. Johnson, Puget Sound Conference; S. B. Anderson, North Missouri Conference; R. C. Hender- son, Kansas Conference, Lawrence, Kans.

#### SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH.

The B. Y. P. U. is in a flourishing condition. Last Sunday the attend- ance was 105. Rev. J. M. Green made an excellent talk on the "Two Foun- dations." Next Sunday Prof. Lee, principal of Lincoln High School, will address the B. Y. P. U. and lead the topics in discussion. A special mus- ical program will be rendered. The Women's Mission Circle had an inter- esting meeting last Friday evening. The funeral of Miss Mattie Warren was held in this auditorium last week. The junior choir furnished the music. The services last Sunday were en- joyed all day. Prof. Waldron preached the morning sermon to a large con- gregation. The Sunday school was fairly well attended. The evening services were devoted to a sacred con- cert which was greatly enjoyed by all present.

The Mid-West hunting, fishing and outing club has leased a large section of land and are preparing for a big season.

#### PAID IN ADVANCE.

How dear to my heart  
Is the steady subscriber,  
Who pays in advance  
At the birth of each year;  
Who lays down the money  
And does it quite gladly,  
And casts 'round the office  
A halo of cheer.

He never says "Stop it;  
I cannot afford it—  
I'm getting more papers  
Now than I can read."  
But always says: "Send it;  
Our people all like it—  
In fact, we all think  
The Sun is a need."

How welcome his check  
When it reaches our sanctum,  
How it makes our pulse throb,  
How it makes our heart dance;  
We outwardly thank him,  
We inwardly bless him—  
The steady subscriber  
Who pays in advance.

Every man in Kansas City should hear Dr. W. H. Thomas of Allen chapel at the Y. M. C. A. Sunday at 3:30 p. m.

### THE GOLDEN WEST.

AN INTERESTING REVIEW OF THE PEOPLE, TOWNS AND POSSIBILITIES OF THE GREAT WESTERN SEC- TION OF OUR COUNTRY.

The Colored Americans Making Good in the Far West and a Steady Stream of Desirable Immi- gration Now Pouring Into That Splendid Coun- try With Its Won- derful Possi- bilities.

—By the Editor.

#### CHAPTER II.

We arrived at Douglas, Arizona, at 8:50 p. m., and were met at the sta- tion by our distinguished Deputy Chaplain, Geo. W. Prieleou, and the officers of the two lodges located here and after greetings all around we were placed in the Chaplain's elegant Overland auto and driven to the home of Sergeant Frank Love, brother of the Grand Secretary, where an elab- orate dinner was served to eight of



PROF. W. H. DAWLEY.

Chairman of Local Committee on entertainment of visiting teachers next month.

#### N. A. A. C. P. OFFICIALS GUESTS AT A LUNCHEON.

The officers and executive commit- tee and special committees of the lo- cal branch of the National Associa- tion for the Advancement of Colored People were the guests last week of Mr. Charles R. Heath of Chicago at a dinner at the Paseo Y. M. C. A., who as a member of the Branch had not only provided the menu, but had con- tributed \$25 for local support with a promise of a much more generous donation. The meeting was called to take steps toward a fall campaign for memberships, to report on work under- way in the fight for social justice and to map out a course of procedure for the winter. November is the month for the annual meeting of all mem- bers, the election of officers and re- organization, since the organization of a Branch in Kansas City, Kas., has made a new charter necessary. Brief speeches were made by President Bowser, Vice President Dr. Howard Smith, Attorney Calloway, Bradley, Hueston, Mrs. Myrtle F. Todd, C. A. Franklin, Secretary Woody E. Jacobs, Prof. G. A. Gregg, Edward E. Vaughn, F. J. Weaver, Prof. T. W. H. Williams, Julian Seals and a straight from the shoulder response by "mine" host Mr. Heath, who regarded the N. A. A. C. P. as the noblest, grandest and most effective organization in behalf of the people that has existed since the days of the old anti-Slavery society. Mr. Heath as a high salaried factor and confidential advisor of the United States Steel Corporation, is in a po- sition to be a valued asset to the Kan- sas City, Missouri Branch of the N. A. A. C. P. May his tribe increase. Others in attendance were Mrs. Bow- ser and Messrs. L. C. Stewart, H. O. Cook, W. H. Hubbell, C. W. Baller and Dr. T. C. Unthank.

A large delegation of Masons went to Liberty today to visit Liberty Lodge No. 37. Among them were N. C. Crews, Grand Master; Wm. Green, Plattsburg, Senior Warden; C. C. Clark, St. Louis, G. J. W.; W. F. Botts, Omaha, G. C.; G. W. K. Love, Kansas City, G. S.; H. H. Walker, St. Joseph, G. T.; W. W. Fields, Cameron, R. S.; P. L. Pratt, G. L.; W. H. Jones, St. Joseph, and R. A. James, St. Louis, members Relief Board; T. O. McCamp- bell, Quindaro, G. J. D.; E. J. Cooper, Mexico, G. S. D.; Geo. Hicks, Lathrop, Grand Tyler; E. G. Lacy, Kansas City, Grand Marshal; A. R. Chinn, Glasgow, M. O. Ricketts, St. Joseph, and R. T. Coles, Kansas City, Past Grand Mas- ters; Prof. J. E. Herriford, C. C. F. C.; Wm. H. Dawley, Grand Registrar; Charles Monroe, Geo. Thomas and several Past Masters of Kansas City.

The Star of Ethiopia, a historical pageant, written by Dr. W. E. B. Du- Bois of New York City, was presented to large audiences at Washington, D. C., on the evenings of October 11, 12 and 13.

us. After a social chat we were taken to the home of our old friends, Ser- geant Wetherly and wife, which was to be our stopping place while in the city. To say that we were sumptu- ously entertained is putting it mild; our only regret being that the Ser- geant was absent on duty out on the border. At 3:00 next day we met Joppa and Olympia Lodges in joint session, after which we were the guests with Sergeant Henderson, W. M., at the residence of Chaplain Prie- leou, where we had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Carter, wife of the Chap- lain of the 10th. Mrs. Carter was Mary Moss of Knoxville, before her marriage, while Mrs. Prieleou was Ethel Stafford of Kansas City, Kansas. At 7:15 we witnessed the Movie Show of the 9th Cavalry recently installed by the Chaplain at an outlay of several hundred dollars, after which we delivered an address to the men of the 9th in the Post hall.

Many of their officers were present as well as many citizens of both races from the city, and our effort was ap- parently well received. During the day we drove in an auto through the courtesy of Prof. Jno. Beck, along the Mexican boundary and viewed the trenches and barbed wire fortifica- tions erected by Maytorena forces to repel the expected assault of Carran- za men. More than 5,000 Mexican sol- diers were in camp at Agua Prieta while on the American side were about 7,000 troops to prevent both sides from trespassing on American soil. Harry Langham, one of Kansas City's best trap drummers, is now playing with the 9th Cavalry band un- der Prof. Wade H. Hammond, which is considered one of the best bands in the army. Sergeant Henderson goes with the band to the Philippines and the boys regretted very much the loss of Colonel Guilfoyle, who goes to the 4th at Honolulu after 28 years with the 9th.

On Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock Chaplain Prieleou called at our resi- dence with his elegant auto to carry us to the station, and bidding good- bye to our excellent hostess we were quickly whirled to the Southern Pa- cific station, where we found many of our friends waiting to give us a fit- ting send off. Sergeant Vrooman, who has just retired after 30 years of efficient service, brought us two boxes of delightful Mexican cigars; Sergeant Love, fruit and so forth, and we left Douglas with a sincere feel- ing of regret. At Douglas we met Rev. H. A. Walls, pastor of the A. M. E. Church at El Paso, a very pleas- ing and intelligent gentleman who knew many of our acquaintances and we had a delightful chat all the way to Tucson, our next stop. Rev. Wells was converted under Bishop Grant; was licensed by Rev. Joe P. Howard, and has pastored many prominent churches in Texas, of which he is a native.

(To be continued.)



MLLE. NANNIE BURDEN.

One of the most brilliant and accomplished singers of the race, who may be secured for a limited number of engagements this fall.

sideration of some charges against a member of the body, then Grand Sec- retary Robert O. Smith came forward with some resolutions regulating the establishment of new lodges. The discussion of these resolutions occu- pied all the afternoon and evening sessions of the Grand Lodge without any conclusions being reached or any- thing accomplished.

One would have expected the annual address of the Grand Master to fol- low early the next morning, but such was not the case. There were reports from committees which occupied all the forenoon and part of the after- noon. The time was even set for the election of grand officers before the plans were laid out on the T. B.

Late in the afternoon the address was delivered. It was a fine produc- tion and showed a wide range of Ma- sonic consideration. For two or three years the Grand Lodge had been mak- ing donations to the yellow fever suf- ferers in the South and this year the Grand Master reported fifty dollars do- nated for that purpose. It was appar- ent from the address that the rela- tions between the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary were none too dove-like and the minutes of the pre- vious year had not been published, for which everyone was to blame and no one responsible. The Grand Master asked for more revenue, the only source then being twenty-five cents tax upon each subordinate member and a slight margin on organizations. The Grand Lodge appreciated the lack of funds, but for some reason failed to favor an increase of the grand dues as recommended from the East.

Among the "decisions" rendered by the Grand Master even before he read his address was one claiming that the holder of a proxy could assign the same to anyone else without the writ- ten consent of the lodge. The proxy vote was apparently worrying every- body and it was decided not to leave the hall until the election was held.

A recess was taken, however, until 7 p. m., after which the election was begun and lasted five and one-half hours with only one ballot being cast, electing Grand Master Brent to suc- ceed himself with a big majority over Past Grand Master Clark, who at- tempted to defeat him. The old order was dying hard, as may be seen. Moses Dickson was serving as chair- man on obituaries and Wm. R. Lawton was doing in a seat near the Grand East. Matthew Ricketts was not only Grand Registrar, but was also chair- man of the committee on Grand Mas- ter's Address. A. R. Chinn was figur- ing up the returns of the eighty-one lodges, but had his eye on the position of Senior Grand Warden to which place he was elected the next morn- ing after a spirited contest. Brother Chinn, in this instance, demonstrated that rare degree of natural popularity which has increased as the years have

#### THE DENVER LAW.

The following ordinance was passed in Denver some weeks ago before the vicious and iniquitous "Birth of a Nation" got a chance to show there. The credit for its passage is due Hon. W. B. Townsend, the well known attor- ney.

#### AN ORDINANCE.

An Ordinance to prohibit certain kinds of shows and theatrical plays in the city and county of Denver, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts in conflict therewith, and to fix the punishment for violation of the same.

Be It Enacted by the City Council for the City and County of Denver, that from and after the passage of this ordinance, it shall be unlawful for any person or persons, company, combina- tion, corporation or corporations to ad- vertise, publish, produce, exhibit, or cause to be advertised, produced or exhibited, at any time or place, in the City and County of Denver, any the- atrical play, act, picture, picture show, lithograph, drama, photo drama, draw- ing, sketch, or historical production, which is contrary to good order and the public welfare, and which tends to reflect reproach upon any race, or incites race hatred, race riot, and which stirs up race prejudice, and tends to disturb the public peace, or that shall represent or purport to rep- resent any hanging, lynching, or burn- ing of any human being, incited by race hatred.

Any person or persons, company, combination, corporation or corpora- tions violating this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined in a sum of not less than two hundred dol- lars (\$200), nor more than three hun- dred dollars (\$300) for the first viola- tion thereof, and for the second viola- tion and every violation thereafter shall be fined in the sum of not less than five hundred dollars (\$500), nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000); and said violator or viola- tors shall be confined in the city jail until said fine is paid.

All ordinances and parts of ordi- nances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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